

ORDER NO. 2113

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman; and  
Robert G. Taub

Modification of Mail Classification  
Schedule for  
Priority Mail Express International

Docket No. MC2014-30

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION CHANGES  
FOR PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL

(Issued July 3, 2014)

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 1, 2014, the Postal Service filed a notice of minor classification changes regarding Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) country group assignments under Commission rules 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service also presents, as Attachment 1, proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) regarding new country group assignments. *Id.* at 1; Attachment 1.

The proposed MCS changes provide PMEI service to fifteen additional countries. *Id.* The Postal Service is unable to specify when service to any of the new destination countries will begin as it is in the process of securing bilateral agreements for PMEI services with those countries. Notice at 1. Once the bilateral agreements are

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Minor Classification Changes, July 1, 2014 (Notice).

executed, the Postal Service will make system changes in order to begin outbound service. *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service states that these changes are minor in nature and refers to Order No. 205 in support of its assertion that the addition of country group assignments is a minor classification change rather than a price change.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service also explains that each new destination is expected to result in little volume. *Id.*

*Procedural matters.* The Postal Service requests that the Commission evaluate the country group rate assignments in the MCS in a single filing to simplify the administration of the Commission's proceedings and to avert the need for the initiation of multiple minor classification filings for each new destination country. *Id.* In addition, the Postal Service proposes to notify the Commission of the effective date of the PMEI service to any of the new destination countries by filing a notice in this docket. *Id.*

## II. NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.92, the Commission has posted the Notice on its website and invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in Docket No. MC2014-30 are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020 subpart E. Comments are due no later than July 11, 2014. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints John P. Klingenberg to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2. See also, Docket No. MC2009-16, Order Granting Reconsideration of Order No. 813, April 22, 2009 (Order No. 205).

### III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2014-30 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, John P. Klingenberg is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than July 11, 2014.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary